ELLICOTT BROTHERS' HOMES - Late 1700's - Frederick Road, Ellicott City. Two stone dwellings built by the Ellicotts are still standing on the Baltimore County side of the Patapsco. The Ellicotts settled here in 1772. They came to an agreement with Charles Carroll of Carrollton to convert his wheat into flour in their mills.

- HILTON Early 1800's Rolling Road. A 5,000-acre land grant to Thomas Taylor in 1679, known as Taylor's Forest. Original house built by Colonel Edward Dorsey, also owned by William Glen. In 1917, purchased by George Knapp and rebuilt. Now about 300 acres, it is the location of the Catonsville Community College.
- OELLA Before 1812 Off Westchester Avenue A picturesque mill town on the steep banks of the Patapsco River, north of Ellicott City. Built by the Union Manufacturing Company and sold in 1870 to the W. J. Dickey Company. Approximately 500 employees live in 110 mill-owned houses. A complete town with post office, co-op, and Community Hall. Workers' houses of stone and frame construction, without modern facilities; mill, of stone construction, modernized.
- 5 ILCHESTER MILLS 1837 On the Patapsco River Two brothers, George and William Morris, natives of Scotland, purchased 106 acres of land and set up a cotton print mill known as "Thistle Factory." They built substantial granite stone mill buildings and Welsh type stone mill houses for the workers.
- 6 ENGLISH CONSUL MANSION 1818 Old Annapolis Road. Brick, colonial style manor house built of materials imported from England on a 300-acre tract purchased by William Dawson, the first British Consul to Baltimore. The Baltimore Highlands School and a number of developments are now located on the original tract.

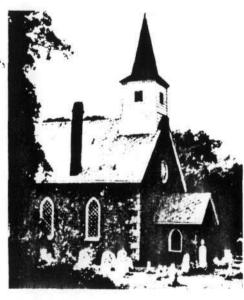
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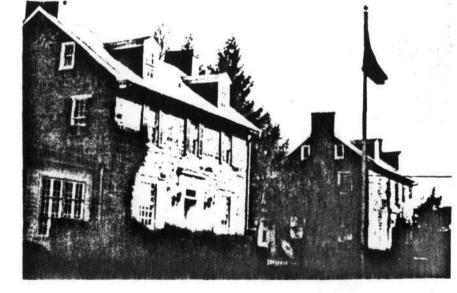
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THOMAS VIADUCT - 1835 - Relay. Reported to be the world's oldest multiple-arched railroad bridge, built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to span the Patapsco between Relay and Elkridge. Designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe, a Baltimore architect, the bridge is built, on a curve, of huge blocks from the Granite Quarries. Named for Philip E. Thomas, first president of the Baltimore and Ohio. A National Historic Site.

- 8 ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH (PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL) 1844 Ingleside Avenue. Of stone, Gothic style, designed by Robert Carey Long at a cost of \$10,000, one-half contributed by John Glenn, prominent landowner. Private girl's school, established 1872, continues today, but in another location.
- 9 OLD SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH 1849 Ingleside Avenue. Founded by early German settlers in the Catonsville area. Sermons and day school conducted in German for many years.
- 10 MT. de. SALES ACADEMY 1852 Edmondson Avenue and Academy Lane. A convent and school for girls, run by the Sisters of the Visitation.





OLD SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

- JONATHAN ELLICOTT HOUSE (SITE) 1782 Two-and-a-half story granite house built by founding family of Ellicott Mills. Originally fronted on main road to Frederick, up the millrace from Ellicott mill of 1772. Severely damaged by 1972 flood, "Agnes", and remains burned by fire department and site later leveled.
- GEORGE ELLICOTT HOUSE 1789 North side of Md. 144 east of Westchester Avenue. Date of construction proved by George Ellicott's drawing of early mill layout. Second story housed his astronomical observatory. Once faced main road to Frederick, later designated a turnpike. Damaged by floods of 1972. Proposed in 1977 for stabilization as historic ruin. Owner: Wilkins-Rogers, Inc. Moved from south side of the road to north side on April 25, 1987.

HO-74 George Ellicott House (See BA-602) Jonathan Ellicott House, site HO - 75(See BA-601)

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The Ellicott City Region

The War Between the States (1861-65) had not left the town unscathed. Many local men served in the Union ranks, while others crossed the Potomac to uphold the cause of the Confederacy. Following the battle of South Mountain (1862) and later the battle of the Monocacy (1864), the combatting armies impressed hotels and family residences into service as hospitals or other facilities. Pillaging, as such, was held to a minimum, but horses and foodstuffs were frequently confiscated. A minor skirmish is said to have taken place at the bridge across the Patapsco. Families were divided in their loyalties, but grief at the loss of a relative or friend drew them together again, regardless of affiliation. Although little physical damage was inflicted on the town of Ellicott's Mills itself, the bitter memories associated with the war and its consequences left deep scars on its citizens.

In 1868 a devastating flood along the Patapsco resulted in the loss of at least 36 lives and \$1 million in damages. Mills, residences, bridges, railroad tracks, and places of industry lying close to the river were either damaged or washed

away, many never to be reconstructed.6

A new governing structure was introduced in 1914 when three county commissioners and other officials were elected to four-year terms. At the same time the Patapsco was designated the eastern boundary of the town. This form of government continued until 1 July 1935, when the town's charter was revoked by the legislature and a number of revisions were made in the commission form of government. Today the county is governed by charter rule, an innovation considered ideal by some, while others still weep for "the good old days." Nevertheless a gradual adjustment has been made.7

In 1974 the Howard County Council zoned Ellicott City a Historic District, and in 1980, when the district was added to the National Register, the town was described as a well-preserved mill town whose architecture had retained its integrity. Over the decades, the town thrived as a residence for workers in the textile factories (now extinct) along the Patapsco, an important depot on the metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, a lodging stop along the old National Pike (which passed through the town on Main Street), and, of course,

as the seat of county government.8

In recent years some thought was given to moving the county seat out of Ellicott City. Critics characterized the village as "dismal" and "the stepchild of the nation." With the coming of Columbia, the cry grew louder, but the move was not to be. Today the two towns complement each other even as they work out their mutual problems. Columbia is the modern planned community, and Ellicott City, with its original landmarks from the late 18th and early 19th centuries now preserved through the efforts of dedicated preservationists, remains a truly delightful and successful small Maryland town.

Approaching Ellicott City from the east, one first sees the George Ellicott House, built on the south side of the road, in Baltimore County, in 1789. The house, sturdy but plain in design, faces Wilkins-Rogers and Company, which purchased the property in 1960. Once standing adjacent to this house was the Jonathan Ellicott House, owned by the brother of George and built in 1782. Smaller by far, but more beautiful, it was standing in excellent condition until



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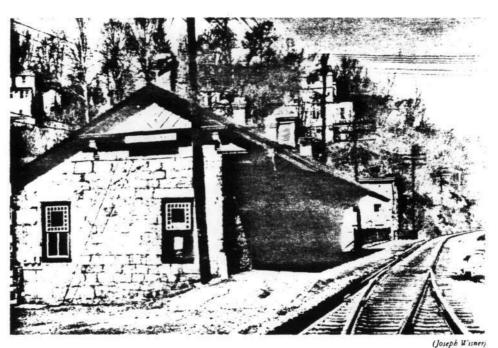
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1972, when Tropical Storm Agnes ravaged the town. The Jonathan Ellicott House was damaged beyond hope of restoration; it had to be condemned and razed.

Across the river in Howard County, the first and most notable landmark in the town of Ellicott City proper is the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot, the oldest terminus in the nation. Built in 1830–31, it still retains its original architectural integrity and has not suffered from "improvements." The station is now a museum proudly displaying memorabilia. The original turntable, once thought to have been destroyed but actually just below the surface of the ground, can now be seen after years of burial. A look from the platform commands an excellent and fascinating view of Main Street.

West of the river, just before the B & O bridge, stands the Old Emporium, built in 1780-90. Originally the home of an early mill hand, it is today the only such residence known to have survived the flood of 1868 and is one of the oldest

buildings in town.10

After passing under the railroad bridge, one approaches the former Patapsco Hotel, the only building in Ellicott City to be torn down and rebuilt stone by stone after the original hotel was gutted and used as an ice plant in the early 20th century. In its heyday many men of renown stopped at the hotel when visiting the county, the most celebrated being John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Robert E. Lee, Roger Brooke Taney, and members of the Carroll family, who frequently rested here while waiting for a carriage to transport them to DOUGHOREGAN MANOR. Today various shops occupy the ground floor.<sup>11</sup>

Facing New Cut Road is St. Paul's Catholic Church. Begun in 1836, it stands on land given to Archbishop Samuel Eccleston of the Diocese of Baltimore by several members of the Ellicott family "for the nominal fee of five dollars." The church made an unusually beautiful addition to the town. On the same ground Ellicott's First School in town was built in 1830. It stands east of the church, but served first as the Patapsco National Bank until a new building was erected on

Main Street. 12

Lilburn, a handsome home atop the hill on College Avenue, was built in the mid-1850s by Richard H. Hazelhurst, owner and operator of a large iron foundry in Baltimore. Although quite lovely, it was a house of many sorrows. After Hazelhurst witnessed the death of his wife, then three of his six children, his grief was such that he could not bring himself to abandon the home; notwithstanding his death in 1900, his spirit is still believed to hover over the place. Several subsequent owners claim to have heard him pacing the floor in the top room of the tower, while others have not been troubled by the sounds; but the tradition lingers.<sup>13</sup>

Back on Main Street the Walker-Chandler House, today Ellicott's Country Store, was built in the early 1790s. Although intended as a private home, it served as a haven for travelers when there was no room at the local inns. Legend tells us that a Mr. Walker fell to his death from the second floor porch, which spans the front of the building; the circumstances surrounding the incident seem to have

been buried along with the victim.14

The Howard House, a few doors away, was built in 1850 and served as a luxury hotel when Ellicott's Mills was at its peak as a summer resort. It is easily recognized by the elements of grillwork that still remain.<sup>15</sup>



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### HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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5. Description of physical appearance:
The house built by George Ellicott on the Frederick Turnpike (the page has since been moved to the north east of the house) is a two and one half storey granite rectangle (44x22) with a 25x16 footprints of the former kitchen ell to the rear. The five bay structure is of even courses with the southeast corner ravaged by the flood waters of Eloise, the 1975 hurricane. Fallen blocks of original stone are still at the site. The first floor central entrance is recessed from the exterior wall and panelled with the space of a rectangular transom over the door The door framing is a pair of pilasters supporting the entablature decorated with swags. The pediment is supported by this entablature and the entire feature approximates the plainer detail of the Doric order. There are four lights on the first level with non-original and missing sash. The second level is five bays wide and again, the lights are in disrepair. The gable roof contains two dormers with enclosed chimneys projecting from each gable end. The remains of the rear kitchen are to the rear and were accessed by a lower interior stair to the rear of the main house. The play of the house is the typical center hall with stairs and chambers on mather side. Woollon, in the Ellicott H use plan says"the relative simplicity and symmetry combined with the end chimneys are characteristic

the Federal period... 12789 Source of Date: District nomination; Bedini-Life of Benj. Banneke:

Date(s) of Alteration(s):

1800 second block to north west

Has building been moved? I yes Ino. If so, when?

In a drawing of 1789, George Ellicott depicts his home built on land of the original Ellicott's who came from Pennsylvania to Maryland to found the extensive mills on the Patapsco. Jonathan Ellicott's home was to the north west and the road from Frederick to Baltimore ran infront of George's property. (see drawing A) George lived in this house until his death in 1832. There he pursued his work

of surveying—he surveyed and helped build roads to Baltimore and Frederick. George Ellicott was also an astronomer and entrepeneur, including in his activities building with his brothers a mill for rolling iron and sheathing copper. He befriended Benjamin Banneker, America's first black man of science, and provided him with the books and instruments that helped Banneker unlock his own genius. Banneker for the survey of the Federal City and met with him both at Banneker's house and his own.

George entertained the chiefs of the Miami Nation and also the Beaver, Crow and Delaware there in 1807. From this house he sent memorials to Congress onbehalf of the welfare of the American indim. While we do not know all the persons entertained in this house, one of his granddaughters cites the fact that since there was "no public house"... "much entertaining was done there in the old times."

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The Ellicott house now sits as the last of the stanes homes of the Ellicotts along the Patapace River, illustrating the simple Federal lines of the time and representing the early, formative years of the milling family.

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7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: Q yes Q no

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Rev. 3/84 CONTINUATION SHEET BA-602 **Historic Preservation** NPS Office Use Only George EllicotT House **Certification Application** Project Number: Property Name Fredertek Property Address Historic Ellicott City. Inc. 23-7254912 Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpeyer ID Number This sheet: continues Part 1 continues Part 2 amends Project. NPS Project Number: While the house has received few changes over the years, it now sits in a different relationship to Frederick road. At some time in the 1940's the road was moved to the north east of the house, leaving the house in its flood plain in the middle of a parking lot. Its scale is vastly diminished by its neighbor, the Wilkins Rodgeers Co. Owner's Signature NPS Office Use Only

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☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

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APPENDIX A

#### The Flood at Ellicotts Mills.

The great flood of 1868 at Ellicotts Mills was about 8:30 in the morning, when it grew suddenly dark. a mengan terminah dianggan dikebahasa of water came down the Patapaco taking everything with it. Mr. Gambrill who was running the mills had come out from THE ROY OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR Baltimore in a train as usual and had walked down to the a sika marangan kangan kan The water had risen so that one of the men had to and the committee of the properties of the committee of t carry him across the road to the old home of my Grand-The last of the first of the companion of the part of the CAN mother Elizabeth Ellicott, then occupied by her granddaughter. He went in and told her to go up the hill at once. She went, taking her two small children with her. She asked him to lock the front door, the windows had not yet been opened. There was a large stable opposite the home for eighty horses. There had never been a dwelling on that side of the road, on account of danger from the water. Ers. Ellicott sent for the man who was to build the houses where the stables had stood and told him not to do it. She had seen the water running in the cellar windows when the horses were driven up the hill. The work went on and many houses built and twenty seven people drowned. I have a picture of it as it then was. The old mill called the Patapaco was nearly opposite Mrs. Ellicott's. High up in the right hand corner was the date 1809. The water came around in front and took away all buildings except the 1809. The water went behind Grandmother's house and left a wagon high up in a sycamore tree. Mother and I were in Chicago at the time but drove out as soon

as we got back. We could not get up to the village, had to walk about one quarter of a mile. The water was only so high for about half an hour. The mark it left on the parlor wall was just above my ear. It carried off great stone steps also a great iron fire back which had on it,

William Williams he made me
In the year 1763."

It was owned by Mrs. Leishear. The house of George Ellicott was built 1790 and is still in good preservation.

Two great storms seemed to meet in the clouds and Benjamin Hallowell said there would be trouble.

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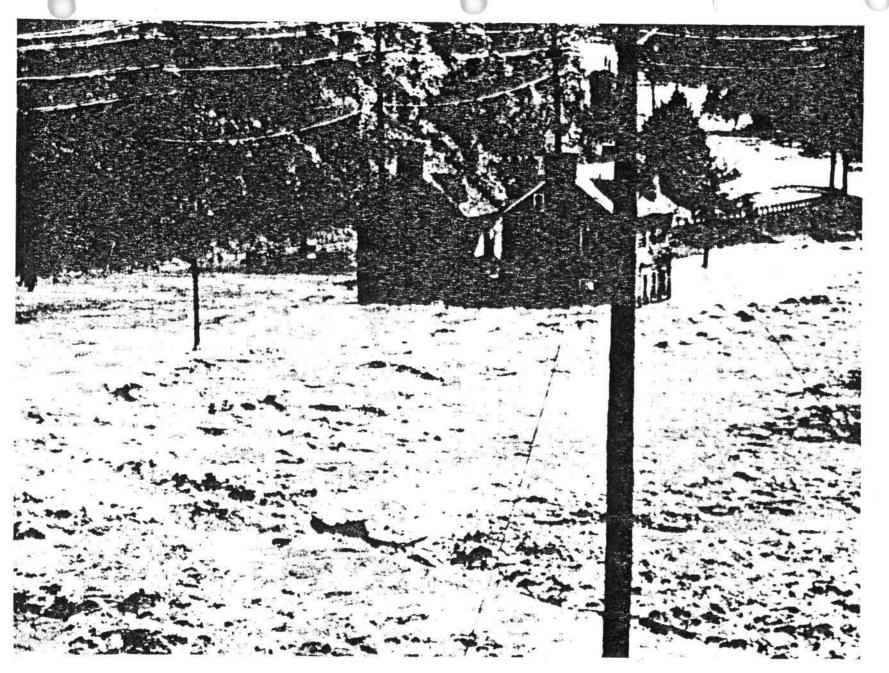
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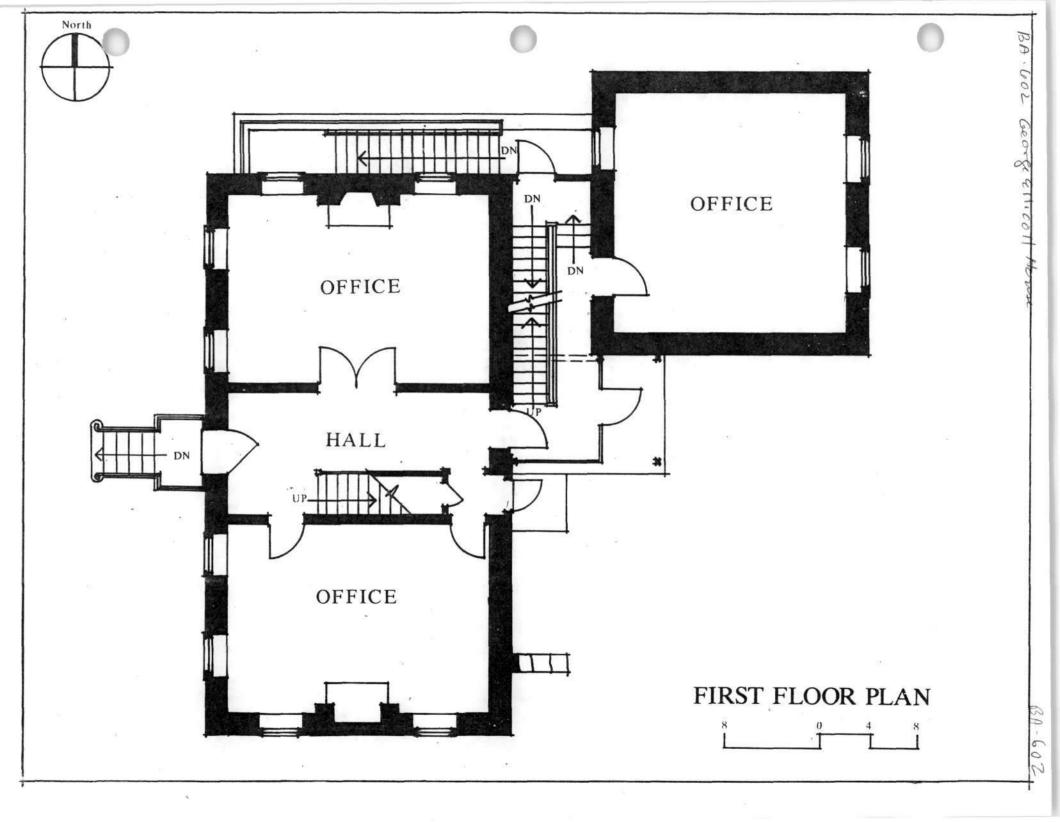
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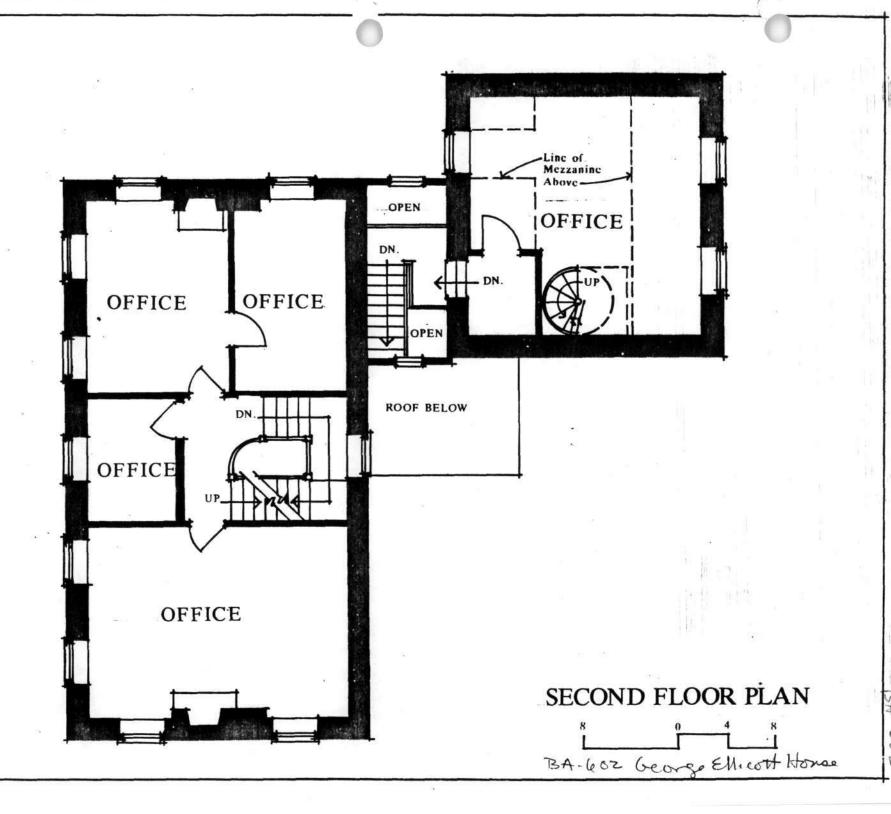
This drawing was made in 1782 by my Grand-father, George mlicott. He was the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Ellicott, and soon in 1760. In 1790 he married Elizabeth Brooke (See Fox, mlicott, and Evan's Book, page 29). For full account of the settlement of Ellicott's Wills see Settlement of Ellicott's Wills artha E. Tyson, my Kother, in this book.

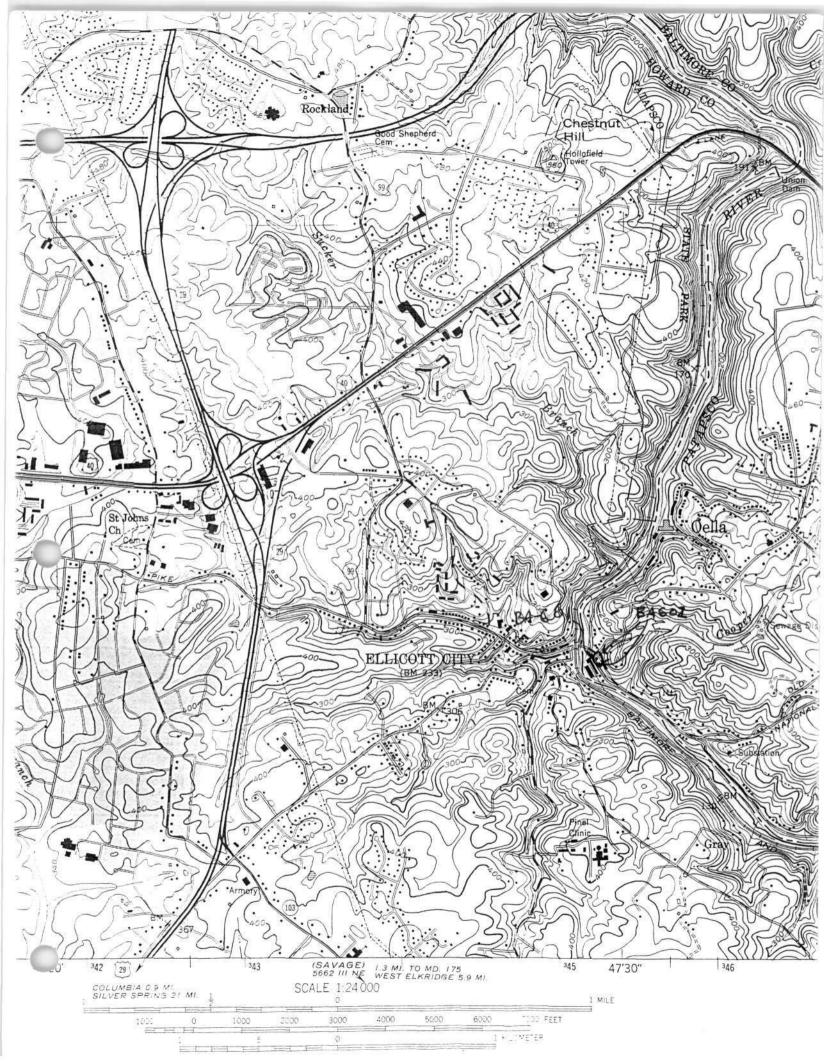
I well remember the long stable opposite the house of Jonathan Ellicott in this picture. It would hold eighty horses used to haul flour to Baltimore. No dwellings were allowed on that side of the road for fear of floods, when after many years the railroad did all the carrying and dwellings were built and and the second second the old stable was torn down. My Grand-mother sent for the builder and told him that as sure as people lived on that side ef the road they would be drowned, and that she had seen all the acrees led out and up the hill at the back of her house to save tes, and that the water had run into her cellar. Her warning not heeded, and all the buildings and occupants were swept by the great flood of 1868. Twenty-seven persons perished. the mill which was just below the one now standing with 1809 was sighed away. The river raged in front of the mill and washed il the front wall out except the corner with 1809 on it. it rushed round the back of Grand-mother's house, and a wagon locked way up in the limbs of the great sycamore tree which was It was said that if the house had not been as strong as A COLUMN TO THE COMMENT OF THE STREET fort it would have gone. This house is now, in 1912, standing perfect preservation except the long porch which the flood took off. It had very high mantels, and the dining room, the



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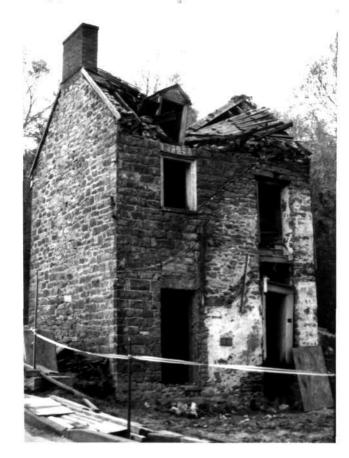
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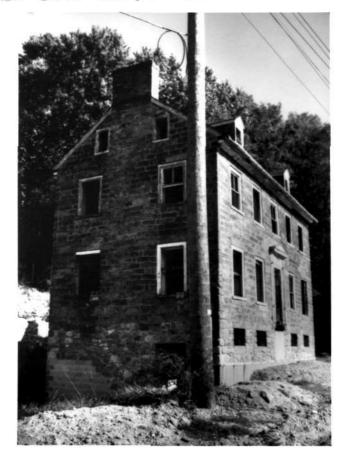
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Dining Room (First floor looking S.w.)

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Rear Wing (Prior to dismantling) BA-602 George EllitoH House



Main Section (New site Prior to restoration.)



Flood Aftermath (corner rebuilt prior

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Main Stair Hall (Above second Goor looking west.)

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Main Chamber (Second floor looking n.e.)



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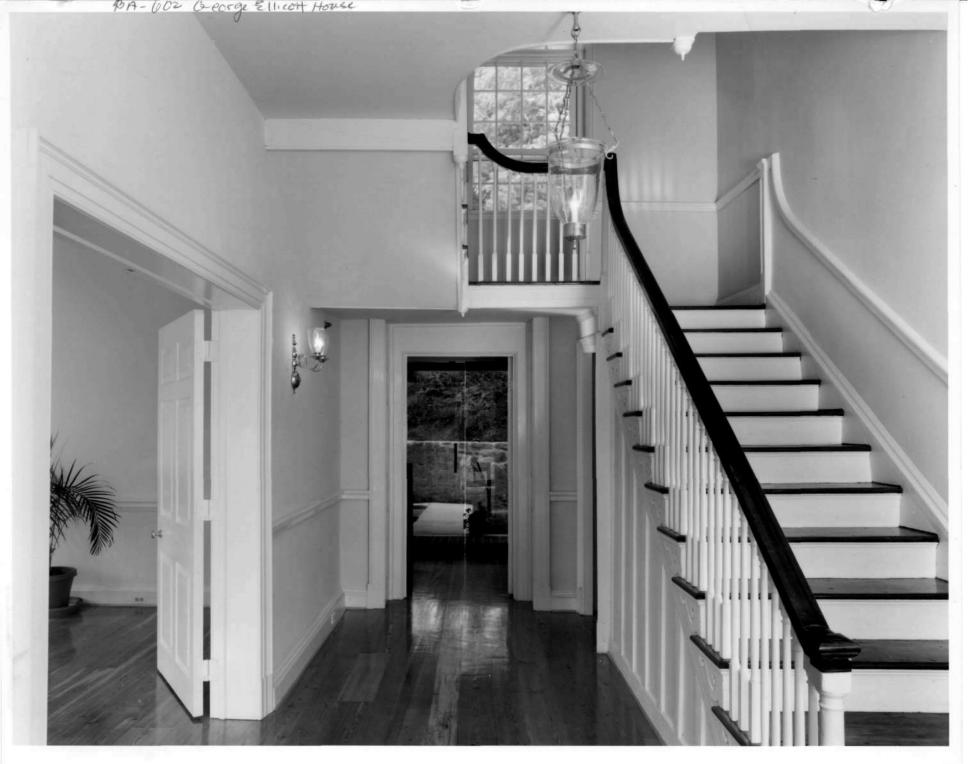
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